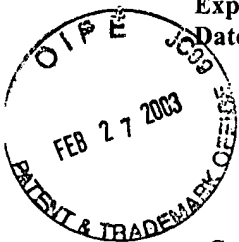


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This paper is in response to the August 27, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified patent application. A Response was due on or before November 27, 2002. A petition for a three (3) month extension and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) accompanies this response. With the extension, the Response is due on or before February 27, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.19904-008. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

On page 121, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following:

B¹ /translation="VAICNPLLYPVMMSNKLSAQLLSISYVIGFLHPLVHVSLLLRLTFCRFNIIHY
FYCEILQLFKISCNGPSINALIIFGAFIQIPTLMTIIISYTRVLFDILKKKSEKGRSKAFSTC
GAHLLSVSLYYGTLIFMYVRPASGLAEDQDKVYSLFYTHIPL" (SEQ ID NO:225).

On page 121, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 37 with the following:

B² 1 tgtagccata tgtaatccct tgccttatcc agtgatgatg tccaacaaac tcagcgetca
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